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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Hiroaki MIURA et al.

Title: SOUND ABSORBING MATERIAL  
AND INTERIOR MATERIAL  
USING THE SAME

Appl. No.: 09/506,489

Filing Date: 02/18/2000

Examiner: J. Pierce

Art Unit: 1771

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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Small Entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity statement previously submitted.

Small Entity statement is enclosed.

The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

Claims as Amended	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Claims Fee
Total Claims: 9	— 20	= 0	x \$18.00 =	\$0.00
Independents: 2	— 3	= 0	x \$84.00 =	\$0.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:		+ \$280.00 =		\$0.00
		CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:	=	\$0.00

Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$110.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$400.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$920.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,440.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$1,960.00	\$0.00
	EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:		\$0.00
	CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:		\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):		\$0.00
	TOTAL FEE:		\$0.00

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741 in the amount of \$0.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

A check in the amount of \$0.00 is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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Respectfully submitted,

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated January 2, 2003, concerning the above-referenced patent application. Please reconsider the application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please add new claims 15 and 16 as set forth below.

15. (New) An interior material as claimed in Claim 3, wherein said first polyester fiber (A) is in an amount ranging from 65 to 95 parts by weight.

16. (New) A dash insulator as claimed in Claim 13, wherein said first polyester fiber (A) is in an amount ranging from 65 to 95 parts by weight.